

**City of Sunnyvale, City Council
and
Sunnyvale School District, Board of Education**

Joint Meeting
Study Session Agenda
May 18, 2004

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. School Facility Needs Analysis-Progress Report (1hour 15 minutes)
 - a. Joint Presentation by City and School District staff
 - b. Input and Direction

Presentation: Trudi Ryan, Planning Officer, and Ben Picard, Deputy Superintendent, presented the status of the joint project to identify future school facility needs. As part of the analysis, future school enrollment projections and the gap between existing school capacity and future demand were presented. It is estimated that up to two elementary schools and one middle school may be needed within the next 20 years. Funding and capacity options for satisfying the future projected demand were also presented. General obligation bonds offer the greatest opportunity to provide sufficient funding. Other options may be pursued, but would not provide sufficient funding alone. The difficulty in identifying new school sites in Sunnyvale was also presented.

Question: Aren't there currently closed school sites?

Answer: Yes, there are three: DeAnza, Hollenbeck and Adair.

Question: Have developer fees been considered as a source funding?

Answer: Yes, this was one of the options presented. School fees are currently collected for residential development, and fees could be collected for commercial/industrial, but these would not provide all of the funding needed to satisfy future projected demand for school facilities.

Question: Did the enrollment projections address potential state-required class-size reductions?

Answer: Only the 20 to 1 class-size reduction for grades K – 3 was included in the enrollment projections. Although there had been discussions at the state level regarding further class-size reductions, the state has decided not to pursue them at this time.

Joe Rudnicki, Superintendent of the Sunnyvale School District, presented a slide showing estimates of school construction costs. As part of the presentation, it was noted that 1/3 to 1/2 of students are currently housed in portable classrooms. It is estimated that the cost of one elementary school serving 675 students would be \$13.5M and that the total cost including land would be \$40M. The cost of a middle school serving 850 students would be \$17M and the total cost including land would be \$66M. The point was made that developer fees would not cover these costs.

Comment: 20% of Redevelopment Agency Tax Increment must be used for affordable housing. It is estimated that this would amount to \$19M.

Question: Should the park site in the middle of the Industrial-to-Residential area be looked at for a school site?

Question: Or, could a park site be swapped for an existing school site?

Answer: The city is required to provide a certain amount of park area within a certain distance from the communities they serve. This poses the same issue as for school sites.

Question: Are any closed school sites large enough for a middle school?

Answer: No, however, if part of Washington Park could be dedicated for school use, the Adair School site combined with Washington Park could potentially be large enough for a middle school.

Comment: Concerns regarding displacement of Mobile Home residents were expressed.

Question: Is class size dictated by the state?

Answer: No, but the state provides funding to school districts that limit class sizes to 20 for grades K – 3. However, as a long-term trend, it is expected that class sizes will become smaller to improve academic performance.

Question: Is Orchard Park large enough for a school site?

Answer: No, it is only approximately 3 acres in size.

Closing Comment: The group should meet again for a presentation of the final school facilities document.

4. Traffic Safety Information—change in drop off points at school sites (5 minutes)

Discussion of Frequency of future joint meetings (5 minutes)